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THIRTY-THREE COMPLETE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OFFERED BY IDHS

Executive Director Dietz among Participants

Indianapolis – Firefighters from around Indiana gathered at the Purdue University Fire Department this past weekend to conclude a mandatory firefighter training course. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Purdue Homeland Security Institute and Purdue University Fire Department jointly offered the course conducted over the past two weekends.

IDHS Executive Director, J. Eric Dietz, was among the 33 individuals who completed the four-day course. Participants in the course represented 21 fire departments and 18 counties from around Indiana. IDHS provided the training free of charge.

"Firefighters are true professionals dedicated to their jobs, their communities and their co-workers. My participation in this course only further enhanced my respect and admiration for the work firefighters do," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "IDHS wants to do all we can to offer them the training and tools they need to do the job they love. We are committed to supporting Indiana's firefighters and we intend to explore further ways we can do so."

The course included both classroom and hands-on training sessions. Participants covered instruction on fire behavior, ventilation techniques, forcible entry procedures, search and rescue in a smoke-filled building, utilization of self-contained breathing apparatus and fire streams.

"Firefighters are often on the front line of protecting our citizens and property," said Roger Johnson, State Fire Marshal and Director of IDHS' Fire and Building Safety Division. "The course conducted provides the basic training needed by all firefighters to enhance their ability to respond to and handle emergencies. It is just the beginning of a firefighter's commitment to the community they serve."

The Fire and Building Safety Division of IDHS is currently developing plans to deliver state sponsored fire training throughout Indiana. IDHS staff will use the course offered at Purdue to help determine what type of training to offer, what the administrative needs to support statewide training are, and how to best deliver training.

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Editor's Note: A list of participants and their departments is attached.

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IDHS Firefighter Training

July 30-31 and August 6-7, 2005

Name	County	Department
Ryan Alvarez	Allen	Monroeville Fire Department
Dewayne Pirtle	Carroll	Flora Fire Department
Austin Bragg	Fulton	Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department
Jodi Shanks	Grant	Jonesboro Fire Department
Nathan Neal	Grant	Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department
J. Eric Dietz	Marion	Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Robert Schick	Montgomery	Darlington Fire Department
Corey Geilker	Morgan	Green Township Fire Department
Glenn Donahue	Newton	Goodland Volunteer Fire Department
James Folks	Newton	Goodland Volunteer Fire Department
Nicholas McCann	Newton	Morocco Volunteer Fire Department
Richard Stansu	Newton	Morocco Volunteer Fire Department
Michael Skinner	Porter	Union Fire Rescue
Andrew Patten	Porter	Union Fire Rescue
Edward Nation, Jr.	Posey	Black Township Fire & Rescue
Thomas Leman	Pulaski	Francesville Volunteer Fire Department
Christopher Allen	Putnam	Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department
Brian Darby	Putnam	Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department
Tina Olguin	Randolph	Modoc Volunteer Fire Department
Joseph J. Wade	Tippecanoe	Battleground Fire Department
Gary Stevenson	Tippecanoe	Battleground Fire Department
Josh Synesael	Tippecanoe	Lauramie Township Fire Department
Heather Synesael	Tippecanoe	Lauramie Township Fire Department
Joseph Reuzenaar	Tippecanoe	Tippecanoe Emergency Management Agency
Bonita Newnum	Vermillion	Hillsdale Community Fire Department
Scott Newnum	Vermillion	Hillsdale Community Fire Department
Brad Nichols	Warrick	Ohio Township Fire Department
Jeremy Mitchell	Warrick	Ohio Township Fire Department
James Ausmus	Wayne	Abington Fire & Rescue
Kyle Hughes	White	Burnettsville Volunteer Fire Department
Tom Curtis	White	Burnettsville Volunteer Fire Department
Ryan Clothier	White	Burnettsville Volunteer Fire Department
James Delashmit	White	Chalmers Community Volunteer Fire Department

Counties with red boxes were represented at the firefighter training course at Purdue University.

